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TITLE: GRATE FOR CLOSING A DRAIN AND SIMILAR

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

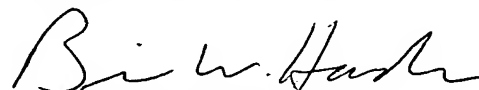
**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language and reference numerals, and to correct minor grammatical informalities. No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,

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